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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

American River Power III, LLC

Project No. 14375-000

Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Competing Applications

On March 22, 2012, the American River Power III, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit under section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act proposing to study the feasibility of the proposed Dillon Lake Hydroelectric Water Power Project No. 14375, to be located at the existing Dillon Lake Dam on the Licking River, near the City of Zanesville in Muskingum County, Ohio. The Dillon Lake Dam is owned by the United States government and operated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

The proposed project would consist of: (1) one new 30-foot-long by 30-foot-wide by 30-foot-high powerhouse, containing one 1.59-megawatt turbine; (2) one new 50-foot-long by 8-foot-diameter steel penstock; (3) a new 32-foot by 28-foot substation; (4) a new 30-foot-wide tailrace; (5) a new 300-foot-long, 14.7-kilovolt transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an estimated annual generation of 9.7 gigawatt-hours.

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Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing,

documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to:

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp. Enter the docket number (P-14375) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: June 1, 2012

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary

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